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LONDON FOR AMB/EX, SOFIA FOR AMBASSADOR

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1. SENATOR HENRY JACKSON SAID YESTERDAY THAT PRESIDENT CARTER MUST ACTIVELY SEEK REPUBLICAN SUPPORT AND ADVICE ON SALT IF HE EXPECTS SENATE TO APPROVE ANY FUTURE SALT AGREEMENT, BALTIMORE SUN REPORTED. PETER BEHR OF SUN SAID JACKSON'S WARNING "UNDERSCORED CHILLY SENATE REACTION TO CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S APPROACH TO SALT TALKS." BEHR POINTED OUT ADMINISTRATION HOPES TO REACH SALT AGREEMENT

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WITH SOVIETS BY OCTOBER, BUT "THEY DO NOT EXPECT SENATE VOTE UNTIL NEXT YEAR." JACKSON, HE SAID, TOLD REPORTERS THAT CARTER WAS GETTING INADEQUATE ADVICE FROM HIS STAFF ON FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES, AND WARNED AGAINST IGNORING REPUBLICAN VIEWS ON ARMS CONTROL. "I SEE NO BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FOR WHAT ADMINISTRATION IS NOW DOING IN SALT," JACKSON SAID. JACKSON SAID CARTER COULD NOT HAVE WON SENATE SUPPORT FOR PANAMA CANAL TREATIES WITHOUT HELP OF REPUBLICAN LEADERS, AND SAME HOLDS TRUE FOR SALT TREATY. BEHR RECALLED THAT EARLIER THIS MONTH ALL 38 REPUBLICANS IN SENATE ISSUED LENGTHY CRITICISM OF CARTER'S FOREIGN POLICY, CHARGING THAT HIS "INEXPERIENCED AND INEPT LEADERSHIP IS COMPROMISING AMERICA'S ABILITY TO DEFEND ITSELF." BEHR SAID JACKSON "STOPPED WELL SHORT OF SECONDING THAT PARTICULAR INDICTMENT, BUT HE DID TAKE DIM VIEW OF MR. CARTER'S FOREIGN POLICY STAFF." JACKSON, BEHR REPORTED, SAID CARTER SHOULD SEEK LARGER CROSS-SECTION OF TALENTED PEOPLE, WITH DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW ON FOREIGN POLICY, TO PROVIDE MORE EXPERTISE AT WHITE HOUSE. JACKSON SAID HE KNEW OF "NO REAL DEBATING GOING ON IN FOREIGN POLICY" AT WHITE HOUSE. HIS LAST DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT ON FOREIGN POLICY WAS LAST FEBRUARY, JACKSON ADDED.

2. RICHARD BURT OF NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED THAT STUDY SPONSORED BY ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION URGED U.S. TO START INTENSIVE PROGRAM OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR DEVELOP-
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MENT OF FAST BREEDER REACTOR. ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS FEAR THAT SPREAD OF BREEDER REACTORS, WHICH PRODUCE PLUTONIUM, COULD SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE RISK OF SPREADING NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN COMING YEARS, BURT SAID. TIMES CORRESPONDENT SAID STUDY, PREPARED BY INTERNATIONAL ENERGY ASSOCIATES LIMITED, EMPHASIZED THAT DEVELOPMENT OF BREEDER REACTOR WOULD BE KIND OF INSURANCE AGAINST FUTURE SCARCITY OF ENERGY. REGARDLESS OF WHAT U.S. DECIDES, REPORT ADDED, EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND JAPAN, WHICH HAD MADE BREEDER REACTOR PART OF THEIR LONG-RANGE PLANNING FOR FUTURE ENERGY NEEDS, "ARE UNLIKELY TO ALTER OR DEFER THEIR OWN BREEDER PROGRAMS SIGNIFICANTLY." BURT SAID "ROCKEFELLER REPORT, TITLED 'INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON BREEDER REACTORS,' IS THUS LIKELY TO INCREASE PRESSURES ON WHITE HOUSE TO MODIFY ITS EARLIER RELUCTANCE TO PUSH AHEAD WITH DEVELOPMENT OF COMMERCIALLY VIABLE LIQUID-METAL FAST BREEDER REACTOR AND TO PARTICIPATE WITH OTHER NATIONS IN JOINT PROJECTS." HE SAID "MAJOR POINT IN REPORT IS THAT IF U.S. CONTINUES TO LAG IN FAST BREEDER TECHNOLOGY, IT WILL LOSE WHATEVER INFLUENCE IT MIGHT HAVE ON NUCLEAR POWER DECISIONS OF OTHER STATES." ACCORDINGLY, REPORT ADVOCATES PROGRAM OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WITH JAPAN,

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AND POSSIBLY BRITAIN, IN DESIGN OF DEMONSTRATION FAST BREEDER PLANT, BURT ADDED. HENRY TREWHITT OF BALTIMORE SUN POINTED OUT REPORT SAID AMERICAN ALLIES SHARE ADMINSTRATION CONCERN ABOUT PROLIFERATION, RECOGNIZE DANGERS IN BREEDER REACTOR, AND SHOW "NEW READINESS TO SEEK MORE EFFECTIVE" SAFEGUARDS. BUT, REPORT ADDED, "DEFERRAL OF BREEDER IS NOT VIEWED BY FRANCE, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, UNITED KINGDOM OR JAPAN AS SIMPLIFY-ING PROLIFERATION PROBLEMS. "ON CONTRARY, EFFORTS BY ONE NATION TO SERIOUSLY INHIBIT BREEDER DEVELOPMENT IN ANOTHER MAY BE VIEWED AS THREATENING TO NATIONAL SECURITY AND ENERGY PLANNING."

3. BERNARD WEINRAUB OF NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED THAT
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DEFENSE SECRETARY BROWN SAID YESTERDAY THAT SAUDI ARABIA HAD AGREED TO "PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS" ON USE OF F-15 FIGHTER PLANES IT WANTS TO BUY. BROWN GAVE THIS ASSURANCE IN LETTER TO SENAT FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. IN "UNUSUAL" SEVEN-PAGE LETTER TO COMMITTEE, BROWN SOUGHT TO ASSURE MEMBERS THAT PLANES WOULD NOT BE USED AGAINST ISRAEL, WEINRAUB SAID. AMONG OTHER THINGS, BROWN SAID, SAUDI GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT IT DOES NOT INTEND TO ACQUIRE ANY COMBAT AIRCRAFT FROM OTHER COUNTRIES WHILE IT IS PREPARING FOR AND RECEIVING 60 F-15'S. OTHER RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO BASING AND CONFIGURATION OF THESE PLANES. WEINRAUB SAID FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE IS SET TO HOLD "PIVOTAL VOTE" THURSDAY ON ADMINISTRATION'S PLAN TO SELL PLANES TO SAUDI ARABIA, EGYPT AND ISRAEL. COMMIT-TEE IS REPORTED "DEEPLY DIVIDED" ON ISSUE, WEINRAUB OBSERVED. VANCE

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